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## **Diversity in the Air Force**

In order to be prepared to respond to a variety of threats throughout the world, Airmen must be able to fight effectively in this dynamic global environment. Airmen must be prepared to successfully work with, or fight against, military forces and people of differing cultures and views.

We must all be committed to an environment of mutual respect that allows every member of the Air Force team to achieve his or her greatest potential.

Below are some things you should know about diversity in the Air Force:

- Diversity in our service is broadly defined as a composite of individual characteristics, experiences and abilities consistent with the Air Force Core Values and the Air Force Mission.
- Air Force diversity includes, but is not limited to, personal life experiences, geographic background, socioeconomic background, cultural knowledge, educational background, work background, language abilities, physical abilities, philosophical/spiritual perspectives, age, race, ethnicity and gender.

Air Force capabilities and warfighting skills are enhanced by diversity among its Airmen. At its core, such diversity provides our force an aggregation of strengths, perspectives and capabilities that transcends individual contributions.

Air Force people who work in a diverse environment learn to maximize individual strengths and to combine individual abilities and perspectives for the good of the mission.

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